

GREAT FORCE HURLED UPON ITALIANS AND THEIR ALLIES

Austro-German Forces Direct Main Efforts Against Brenta Sector and Make Gains Not Commensurate With Losses

DRIVE TO SOUTH HAS WON ONLY SHORT GAINS

General Haig Repulses Attack In Force and Conducts Successful Raid Making Prisoners and Taking Dugout

NEW YORK, December 16—(Associated Press)—Tremendous thrust by the heavily reinforced Austro-German forces were again directed against the Italians and their allies. Generally these were well met and repulsed though the great reinforcements that have been drawn from the north made the situation more serious. With the tremendous sacrifices which the Teutons have made in men in these massed attacks the gains have not been great nor have they been able to advance far. Berlin official reports claimed that within the past few days 3000 Italian prisoners had been taken in the sector between the Brenta and Piave Rivers.

ON BRENTA FRONT

Yesterday's assaults were directed most viciously against the vicinity of Col Caprille and centered around Monte Berata, east of the Brenta River. Here slight gains were claimed by Berlin in the last official report. In this sector both artillery and massed infantry was employed by the Teutons and the withering fire of the Italians and their allies exacted a terrible cost for any advances that were secured.

In other sectors of the Italian front all assaults of the enemy were hurled back with less effort but on the Brenta front the Austro-German forces were centralized for more desperate attacks. These were met, however, by an equally desperate resistance.

HAIG REPELS

On the Western front evidences of more desperate efforts by the Germans to regain lost ground is to be seen but in yesterday's fighting no success was made. On the contrary General Haig reported to London that his forces had repulsed an attack in force on Boulecourt and in a raid north of that village had captured a number of prisoners and destroyed a dugout from which an annoying fire had been maintained against some of his positions.

On the Ypres front local fighting without definite results was reported.

Germany Claims Successes

Dealing with the Flanders front an official report was issued in Berlin which tells nothing of German troubles and losses but dwells upon claims of advantages gained. This report said that the British had discontinued their violent attacks which had been in evidence for the last four weeks. The violent offensive which had been launched for the purpose of securing possession of the coast and the destruction of submarine bases may therefore be considered closed for the present, this report said. It added that the failure of British arms was accentuated by the "recent defeats that were administered at Cambrai."

The effect of the inactivity of Russia in the war is seen in the ability of Germany now to obtain fats and other sorely needed supplies from Russian sources. Germany is also exchanging metals and chemicals for soap.

New Eastern Advance

In the Far East the British forces have started a new advance against the Turks, which is reported to have progressed some distance north of Jerusalem.

Switzerland yesterday acknowledged the declaration of the United States that it would respect the neutrality of Switzerland and replied that it will remain its neutrality and will repel any violation of its frontiers with its own forces.

REAL PROGRESS IN SOLVING OF U-BOATS IS SEEN

French Minister of Marine Is Sanguine of Final Results But Warns Against Too Early Spirit of Optimism

PARIS, December 16—(Associated Press)—Real progress against the Teuton submarine campaign is being made by the Allies, declares Georges Leygues, French minister of the marine. He warns that the people must not take too optimistic a view of the situation as there are apt to be weeks when a greater degree of success is secured for ruthlessness despite the fact that the Allied navies are securing control and the German naval morale is weakening under the tremendous strain which a submarine warfare entails. Further development must be awaited with patience and while he is confident that the outcome will be as desired he still feels that there are dangers ahead.

As a failure in the morale of the German undersea crews he said: "I have noticed, and this has been more especially so recently, the German crews are less efficient and their ammunition has not been nearly so effective."

M. Leygues believes that during the past month the Germans have speeded up the submarine campaign to keep pace with the increased efforts that have been undertaken by the land forces, and looks for a falling off in recent successes at an early day.

FLOUR DISTRIBUTOR IS NAMED BY HOOVER

NEW YORK, December 16—(Associated Press)—George A. Zabinski, agent for the Pillsbury flour mills, has been appointed head of the flour distribution bureau by the food administration. It will be his duty to supervise the distribution between the miller and the consumer.

Announcement of the appointment of a supervisor of flour distribution is accompanied by a statement that this bureau is expected to minimize the danger of flour shortage throughout the section so far as can be done under the circumstances which surround all railroad freight transportation which might engender a sort of time difficulties.

REPORT BOLSHEVIKI ARREST AMERICAN

PETROGRAD, Russia, December 15—(Associated Press)—Charles Smith of St. Louis, member of the staff of John F. Stevens, head of the American railway commission in Russia, is reported to have been arrested by Russian officials.

Ambassador David Francis has telegraphed to the American consuls at Harbin and Vladivostok to interview in the Smith arrest case. Smith is said to be on the trans-Siberian line. The Bolsheviki headquarters said that if Smith has been arrested it is a mistake and will be rectified immediately.

ESCAPE OF CZAR IS DENIED OFFICIALLY

PETROGRAD, December 16—(Associated Press)—Nicholas, the former czar, has not escaped. Official denial of the report which was circulated yesterday is made from army headquarters at Smolney. Those advisers say that he is still in Tobolsk.

Yesterday there were persistent and apparently fairly well authenticated reports that Nicholas had left Tobolsk.

WILL KEEP RECORD OF GRAVES OF AMERICANS

AMERICAN PORT IN FRANCE, December 15—(Associated Press)—It is announced here that the American army is organizing a branch whose sole duty will be to direct the burials of soldiers and manage cemeteries near the war front. All the soldiers thus buried and graves will be tabulated by a special registration service, and for this purpose two officers and fifty men are to be detailed from each army division.

HUNS CONTINUE TO MURDER NEUTRALS

LONDON, December 15—(Associated Press)—The Central News Agency of Christchurch reports that it is official that 5000 Norwegian sailors have been lost in the war to date. The sinking of two more Norwegian steamers are told in the same despatch.

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AUSTRIAN ARMY IS FORMIDABLE FORCE

Million and Quarter Riflemen and Five Thousand Cannons In the Field

AMERICAN ARMIES IN FRANCE, December 16—(Associated Press)—The correspondent of the Associated Press at headquarters has ascertained the numbers of troops which make up the main power of the Austro-Hungarian forces, against which the United States are about to pit their men, following the recent declaration of war.

In infantry, the Dual Monarchy is able now to maintain in the field 1170 battalions of infantry, giving a total of approximately 1,200,000 riflemen. Of cavalry, there are 240 squadrons, representing approximately 50,000 troopers. The artillery branches are able to man 2950 field pieces, 1500 light howitzers and 922 heavy guns, which guns are available at the present time.

Jews LIBERAL IN WAR WELFARE WORK

Call for Ten Million Oversubscribed—Another Campaign Planned

NEW YORK, December 16—(Associated Press)—The call made upon the Jews of the United States for a fund of ten million dollars for war welfare work has been oversubscribed. It was announced last night. In New York alone more than half the amount required was subscribed.

Immediately the success of the drive for funds was made known, it was announced that work would be launched at once upon securing a fund of fifty million dollars from among American Jews during the coming year.

WILHELM PROMISES CHRISTMAS PRESENT

Kaiser To Give Nice New Peace Terms To Allies

LONDON, December 15—(Associated Press)—An unofficial telegram has come from Berlin, through Geneva, Switzerland, stating that the Kaiser proposes to issue a Christmas message in the form of a final peace offer, and that if this offer, directed to the enemies of Germany, is rejected, he will seek to place responsibility for further bloodshed on the Allies.

ORDNANCE MATTERS SUIT INVESTIGATORS

WASHINGTON, December 15—(Associated Press)—That the ordnance situation of the American army at home and abroad is better than the investigators had expected to find was the statement today of Senator Chamberlain, chairman of the senate subcommittee looking into war and navy administration. General Crozier, head of the army ordnance bureau, and the chief witness at a far, testified at today's hearing that the principal shortness in supplies has been in furnishing heavy arms which require time for manufacture.

Senator Chamberlain believes that the United States is profiting by the mistakes of the Allies.

HOOVER TO SHOW NO DISCRIMINATION MADE

WASHINGTON, December 15—(Associated Press)—In a brief statement issued today Food Administrator Hoover said that he will reply later to the declaration of Claus Spreckels before senate investigators that the Eastern sugar refiners have been discriminated against in the sugar price fixing. Friends of Hoover said that he will not by any means be found on the defensive, and that the statement will be merely explanatory.

POSTPONE SENTENCES IN CONSPIRACY CASE

Penalties For Rodiek and Schroeder Not Yet Named

SAN FRANCISCO, December 15—(Associated Press)—Sentence upon George Rodiek, former German consul at Honolulu, and H. A. Schroeder, clerk at the consulate, both of whom have pleaded guilty to the charge of violation of the neutrality law in the India conspiracy case was continued today for a week.

STEAMSHIP MAN COMING

TOKIO, December 15—(Associated Press)—Assistant manager Bemis of the San Francisco branch of the T. K. K. will become manager of the Honolulu branch of the T. K. K. He will go to Honolulu with three or four Japanese assistants.

Austrians Ask Food, Not Lands

Claim Balkan Countries Have Overabundance To Draw From

AMSTERDAM, December 16—(Associated Press)—Austria has no desire to acquire Balkan territory but does want to draw sustenance from the surplus supplies of cattle and grain which it is claimed those countries have in the assertion which is published in Vienna in the Neue Freipresse.

While Austria has no designs to seize Balkan territory, the article says, it is its purpose to use its influence toward the formation of satisfactory governments for both Rumania and Serbia without interfering with their actual self government. Through this the Austrians would enjoy a feeling of security. On the other hand Austria will not permit any extension of territory on the part of either Serbia or Rumania.

What Austria really desires, the article continues, is to have a sense of security and to be able to obtain cattle and grain drawn "from the overabundance which those countries possess."

TWO BRIGADIERS GET DIVISIONS TO COMMAND

SAN FRANCISCO, December 16—(Associated Press)—Promotion to major generalships came yesterday to two brigadiers, in each case the promoted officer being assigned to a divisional command.

Brigadier General Reed, now at Camp Upton, Long Island, New York, has been selected to command the Fifteenth Cavalry Division of the Regular Army, now at El Paso. He will have the rank of major general.

Brigadier General Cameron, now at Camp Kearney, near San Diego, will command the Fourth Infantry Division of the Regular Army, now forming at Camp Greene. He also has been advanced in rank.

DRAFT REGISTRANTS ARE ROUNDED UP

New Circular Has Magic Effect On Draftees

SACRAMENTO, California, December 16—(Associated Press)—"Form Five" a circular used by the adjutant general in rounding up draft registrants who have failed to answer the summons of local boards for the men to appear for physical examination and to file claim for exemption has had a magic effect in bringing a response from these registrants, it was said at the adjutant general's office today.

This form has resulted in three or four men, who the local boards had made futile endeavors to reach, reporting to the adjutant general's office every day in person, by telephone or by letter.

After warning the registrant that he has failed to avail himself of the privileges extended under the draft regulations, the circular states:

"You will report to the office of the adjutant general within five days from date of this notice."

"Failure to comply will cause you to be listed as a deserter, from the United States Army, with all the penalties applying thereto."

Those who have reported and have been accepted for service have been sent to the National Army cantonment at Camp Lewis, near Tacoma, Washington, and credit has been given the local board where the man was registered. Any excess over the original quota of the board in the first draft will be credited on the quota in the second call. In cases where there have been substantial reasons exemption has been granted upon even after they failed to answer the summons of the local board. Some who were believed to be military service have been delivered to the military authorities.

FALL FROM WALL IS NOT CAUSED BY BOOZE

Corporal Babley, Ninth Company, Coast Artillery Corps, fell from the cement retaining wall on the Walkie side of Nuuanu Stream, near Berea Street, early yesterday evening and sustained painful bruises on the face. He had not been drinking, but apparently had been snuffing with several soldiers in play when the accident occurred.

Captain Baird of Fort Kamehameha was notified of the accident by the Emergency Hospital Steward F. I. Stevenson and the injured man was removed to the hospital there. Babley has lately been attached to the Gunner's School at Fort Kamehameha and has an excellent army record.

TRUSTEES' CHOICE DISPLEASES ALUMNI

Spokesman For Kam Graduates Thinks Hawaiian Should Have Been Named

News of the decision of the board of trustees of the Bishop Estate to recommend Judge F. M. Hatch to succeed A. W. Carter on the board, under the terms of the trust deed, is falling to please the members of the Kamehameha Alumni. It has been the hope of these graduates of the school supported by the income of the Bishop Estate that someone of Hawaiian blood should be appointed, this desire rising out of the opinion held by many that the original purpose of the Princes Paunahi, in erecting the trust, the education of young Hawaiian parents, is now being lost sight of.

R. M. Duncan, a prominent member of the alumni, voices this feeling in the following communication to The Advertiser:

"Editor Advertiser—For the last year, the Kamehameha Alumni Association has been striving to get some one of Hawaiian extraction to be appointed as a member of the board of trustees for the Bernice Pauahi Estate."

"There have been a great many arguments in favor of having a Hawaiian representative on the board, but I pick up in your issue of the other day, that F. M. Hatch's name has been mentioned for the place."

"If after thirty years, the trustees of the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Estate fail to find a suitable man among the graduates of the school to serve on the board in the interest of the Hawaiians, there must be something radically wrong in the training and educational system these men received at the Kamehameha Schools, under the control of our most faithful and trusted (and 'Aloha Hawaii!') board of trustees."

"We have tried to carry on our agitation in a quiet and peaceable way, but I see that has failed again and we will have to continue our agitation with greater force. This reminds me of my football days of kicking the center lines and we are going to keep on kicking; that chance may come some day—they may fumble the ball in our favor."

"We have sat for many years at this festive board loaded down with the good things of life waiting to be served but the plums do not seem to come our way. Why is this, if I may ask? Is it because we haven't howled loud enough for a little that was due us? At this stage of the game I would like to ask the board of trustees what qualifications a man should have before he can become a member of the honorable board. Are not these some of the qualifications:

"1. Trustees must not visit the school except on social occasions."

"2. They must travel on the mainland and reside on the other islands permanently."

"At one time during the life of this faithful board three members were away from the island of Oahu, continually for periods of six months at a time."

"Under these qualifications, the Hon. F. M. Hatch must be preparing for another trip to Washington, D. C., to represent our sugar interests there, because he will get his fees just the same, but how about the business of the estate, which must take some of his valuable time every week."

"Now surely if the board were carrying out the real wishes of Mrs. Bishop, knowing the agitation of the last year, they would have nominated a Hawaiian or part-Hawaiian in place of A. W. Carter, who has resided on the island of Hawaii as directing manager of the Parker Ranch. Isn't it so, 'the devil with them'."

"As long as we have the control of the school we are going to milk her in our own way and pass the milk around to our friends."

How About Punahou

"Do you think the Punahou Alumni Association or any other school would stand for this kind of a slight that you have put upon our race? Not for a minute."

"The board of trustees is constituted of five members and why not the minority be represented by members of Mrs. Bishop's race? Can they not find one of their territory who may answer the qualifications? On the present board we have three attorneys or politicians, (including the prospective candidate), one stock broker and a business man."

"Being a politician seems to be the main qualifications of a man before he can become a member of the honorable board. We demand and will continue to demand recognition even if we have to take further steps."

ENLISTMENT OFFICES SWAMPED BY PATRIOTS

WASHINGTON, December 15—(Associated Press)—Swamping the recruiting offices in many parts of the country, there were large enlistments today sent taking advantage of the last opportunity to enlist, the order having gone forth that after today no enlistments will be accepted except from those whose drafting is very unlikely.

Secretary of War Baker recommended that all the men waiting to be enlisted today shall be examined, even though the day passes before they can be enrolled.

The recruit depots in many large cities were overcrowded and the equipment for enrolling was exhausted.

Policemen Discover It's Hard Job To Beat The Dutch

Soldiers Rush Guard and Leave Ship and Complications Arise and Follow Thick and Fast At Police Headquarters

Seventy Dutch soldiers who were in Honolulu yesterday on their way to the Netherlands East Indies where they will serve the Holland government for a lengthy period of time, rushed the guard which was stationed at the gangplank of the vessel on which they are travelling and made their way to all higher officers there, disregarding the orders of the superior officer who had refused them permission to go ashore.

The men made their dash from the ship at two o'clock while their officers were at dinner aboard ship. When the non-commissioned officers who had been placed on guard earlier in the day reported the turn of affairs to the higher officers there was a hurried consultation among them, following which they communicated with Fort Shafter by telephone. They were advised to notify Sheriff Charles H. Rose of the trouble, which they did, and he in turn notified all patrolmen on their beats to pick up all Dutch soldiers and send them to the station from where they would be returned to the ship.

Mix-ups Follow Fast

The officers in charge of the soldiers had, however, forgotten to notify the sheriff that non-commissioned officers had been granted shore liberty, and feeling that they were entitled to go where they wished, naturally remained in the business section while the others strolled out into the less densely populated suburbs.

At two-thirty o'clock the telephone at the police station began to ring and there was no let-up until late in the afternoon. Every policeman in the downtown section had a couple of Dutch soldiers on his hands. But the wagon was out, for there had been similar calls previously, and it was necessary for the patrolmen either to walk their prisoners to the station or else remain with them until such time as the hurry-up wagon could conveniently relieve them of their charges.

Non-coms Make Explanation

At three o'clock they commenced to arrive at the station in two and threes, all of whom explained to the captain of the watch that they were non-commissioned officers and as such were entitled to shore liberty. Most of them spoke English well and they were told if such was the case the better thing for them to do would be to return to the ship and obtain a properly signed pass from their superiors.

They said that they, however, for they had no more than signed out of the station than they were again picked up by other patrolmen and returned to the station where they had been only a few minutes before. In many instances their faces were not recognized by the receiving sergeant and they were given the same instructions they had received only a short time before.

It was not until three non-commissioned officers had appeared before the sergeant of the watch on as many occasions that the light began to dawn and it was realized that it was impossible for them to ever reach the ship, for they were sure to be taken into custody by some one who was not aware of their rank or their visit to the station. So it was decided to send them all to the waterfront in the patrol wagon where those who were entitled to leave could be given properly signed passes while those who were not could be placed aboard.

Enlisted Men Absent

But the men wanted were still at large and the only ones who had been returned to the ship were those who were entitled to shore liberty. The patrolmen were reported last night as being in all of the residential sections of the city, while here and there a stray one would be picked up and delivered to the vessel.

It was estimated by the police that about half of them had been returned to the ship at ten o'clock last night although it was believed that the remainder would return voluntarily before morning.

When asked why the men had disregarded orders and left the ship en masse, they said they had not been ashore for eighty days—not since they had left Holland—and when they learned they were to remain here, for a considerable length of time, the temptation was too strong and most of them just had to put their feet on terra firma, if only for a minute, that they might not forget entirely what it was like.

The men were a well-behaved lot and other than walk through the streets of the city for what they termed "exercise," they created not the least disturbance. The police say that not one ugly word was spoken by those who were rounded up as the result of the general order, and all seemed to treat the affair as more or less of a huge joke.

ASSOCIATION WOULD MAKE ISLANDS DRY

A movement has been started by the Hawaiian Protective Association to secure prohibition for the islands. Recommendations asking for a "bone dry" Hawaii have been prepared and will be handed to Prince Kuhio, Delegate to Washington, who is president of the association.

According to the Rev. Akaiho Akana, a director, the aim of the association is to protect the Hawaiian race against destructive elements and to educate them toward better economic and social conditions.

It was mentioned yesterday that a petition signed by 120 persons, asking that congress make Hawaii "bone dry" was sent to Washington by the association on the last steamer.

WAR COUNCIL AT HOME WILL COORDINATE IN PURPOSES

Secretary of War Announces Important Plans To Bring About Greater Efficiency In Movement of Supplies To Armies

COLONEL HOUSE IS HOME AND REPORTS SUCCESS

Head of Mission To Inter-Allied Conference In Paris Says United States Influence Is Paramount With Allies

WASHINGTON, December 16—(Associated Press)—Following along lines similar to those that have been chosen by the Allied conference recently held in Paris and at which an Allied War Council and an Allied Naval Council were determined upon, there is to be a war council of the war department at home. This announcement of extensive plans for a coordination and cooperation of the department and the officers of the army was made by Secretary of War Baker yesterday.

AUGURS EFFICIENCY

All matters relating to supplies and the movement of supplies for the armies at home and over the sea as well as all operations between the armies in the field and the war department are to be coordinated under this new plan. It is expected that it will bring about a smoothness of procedure and an absence of conflict that will prove highly valuable and expeditious and add greatly to efficiency. The secretary announced that this new council will be composed of the secretary of war, assistant secretary of war, the chief of staff, quartermaster general, Major Weaver who is chief of the coast artillery and Provost Marshal Crowder.

JACKLING SELECTED

The secretary of war also announced the appointment of Daniel C. Jackling to take charge of the construction of the government explosives plants which are to supplement those of private manufacturers and are to be built in the near future.

Jackling is managing director of the Utah Copper Company and the Ray Consolidated Copper Company at Ray, Arizona, general manager of the Bingham-Garfield railway and the Ray & Gila Valley railway and an officer or director in more than a score of other great business concerns. In connection with the Utah Copper Company and the Ray Copper Company he has had a broad experience in great construction work and he is a chemist and metallurgist as well. He ranks as one of the strongest men in the copper mining industry and as a master of executive in great building undertakings.

MISSION RETURNS

Colonel House and four of his colleagues who formed the United States delegation to the Paris Inter-Allied Conference arrived in New York yesterday on their return journey and are expected here today or tomorrow. In an interview given out upon his arrival at the pier he said that the objects which the mission had been sent to accomplish at the conference had been "successfully and satisfactorily brought to a conclusion."

Colonel House added that "in England and in France the influence of the United States is paramount."

TOKIO, Japan, December 15—(Associated Press)—Retired Vice Admiral Kido Takada left Japan on the last T. K. K. steamer for a visit to the United States.